

REMARKS

Claims 18 through 33 were presented for examination in the present application. Claims 18 through 27 have been allowed. Claims 28 through 33 have been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, only allowed claims 18 through 27 remain pending upon entry of the instant amendment.

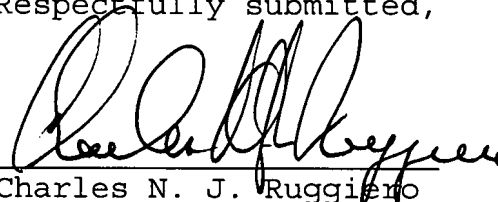
As stated above, rejected claims 28 through 33 have been cancelled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 28 through 33 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited. Accordingly, entry and consideration of the instant amendment are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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